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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902M) for Authority to Implement Rate Relief and Increase Spend in Support of the San Diego Unified Port District's Energy Management Plan.

Application 17-09-005

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to December 15, 2019.

1. Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases shall be resolved within 18 months after they are initiated, unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending deadline. In this proceeding, the 18-month deadline for resolving the case is March 15, 2019. Decision (D.) 19-03-007 extended the statutory deadline of this proceeding from March 15, 2019 to September 15, 2019.

2. Procedural History

On September 13, 2017, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed Application (A.) 17-09-005, to seek authority to implement a five-year rate adjustment for the San Diego Unified Port District (Port) and to increase revenues to fund the Energy Management Plan that SDG&E and the Port jointly established, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 628. (Stats. 2013, ch. 741.) AB 628

authorizes investor-owned utilities to partner with port districts to develop energy management plans that would reduce air emissions and promote economic development at the ports. On March 8, 2018, a Scoping Memo was issued, which, among other things, set the procedural schedule. The procedural schedule was modified by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ruling issued on August 8, 2018, because more days of hearings were held than initially anticipated. On December 6, 2018, the Commission issued D.18-11-031, which authorizes the Port's cruise ship terminal account to remain on its current rate schedule until the issuance of the final decision in this proceeding. Absent this Commission decision, the Port would have experienced a rate increase of approximately 400 percent on January 1, 2019. The decision also directed SDG&E to establish a memorandum account to record the difference between the payments received from the Port and the payments the Port should have paid, based on the rates determined in the final decision.

3. Discussion

Given the complexity of the issues in this proceeding, an additional 3-month extension of time, until December 15, 2019, will be needed to sufficiently allow the drafting and issuance of a Proposed Decision and a decision by the Commission.

4. Waiver of Comments on Proposed Decision

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may waive the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

5. Assignment of Proceeding

Marybel Batjer is the assigned Commissioner and Elaine Lau is the assigned ALJ and presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is March 15, 2019.
2. D.19-03-007 extended the statutory deadline of this proceeding from March 15, 2019 to September 15, 2019.
3. An additional extension of time, until December 15, 2019, is needed to allow adequate time for the drafting and issuance of a proposed decision and a decision by the Commission.

Conclusions of Law

1. Because of complexity of the issues in this proceeding, it will not be possible to resolve this case within the 18-month period provided for in Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a).
2. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code §1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to December 15, 2019.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to December 15, 2019.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at Los Angeles, California.